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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE

REF: (A) STATE 109684; (B) STATE 109714 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCE (B) REQUESTED AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF VIETNAMESE  
SHIPS AND ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS. THIS MESSAGE  
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PROVIDES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.

2. U.S. EXPECTS RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO ALL MAP VESSELS.

3. FOR MANILA: VESSELS ENTERING SUBIC OR OTHER FILIPINO PORTS SHOULD BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS: (A) CINCPAC WILL BE REQUESTED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF MAP OR MASF-FUNDED SHIPS WHILE THEY ARE STILL ON HIGH SEAS AND BRING THEM TO SUBIC ASSUMING IDENTIFICATION CAN BE MADE. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS; (B) OTHER VIETNAMESE VESSELS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO GOP JURISDICTION. WITH REGARD TO REFUGEES, USG WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONS ABOARD MAP OR MASF-FUNDED VESSELS. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR MISSION IN GENEVA TO APPROACH UNHCR AND ASK THEM TO CONTACT GOP IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN SCREEN AND PROCESS PERSONS FOR WHOM WE DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY, I.E. PERSONS ON NON-MAP VESSELS. OUR PURPOSE IS TO MOVE THESE PERSONS TO THIRD

COUNTRIES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOP TO DETERMINE IF THIS PROCEDURE CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO REINFORCE OUR APPROACH TO UNHCR. YOU SHOULD ASK GOP TO RAISE ISSUE WITH UNHCR. YOU COULD NOTE THAT ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THESE LINES ARE WORKING IN HONG KONG. YOU MAY ASSURE GOP THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT THEM TO TAKE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON NON-MAP SHIPS SHOULD UNHCR FAIL TO FIND PLACEMENT FOR THEM. IF THESE STEPS FAIL, THEN THE USG ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS WILL REVIEW POSSIBLE PAROLE INTO THE U.S. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO HANDLE REFUGEES THROUGH FACILITIES AT SUBIC SHOULD GOP SO DESIRE.

4. FOR GUAM: FOR THOSE WHO COME TO GUAM, WE WILL WORK WITH UNHCR AND ICEM REPS TO DETERMINE WHICH REFUGEES COULD BE PLACED IN THIRD COUNTRIES AND WHO COULD BE PROCESSED INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE DEAG SHOULD ALERT UNHCR AND ICEM TO ARRIVAL OF VIETNAMESE VESSELS AND ARRANGE FOR FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR SCREENING.

5. IF IT IS ASCERTAINED THAT ANY VIETNAMESE VESSELS ARE HEADING TOWARD THIRD COUNTRIES (INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA, MALAYSIA), THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALERTED SO THAT LOCAL CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES CAN BE INFORMED. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM UNHCR AND ICEM REPS. IT SHOULD ASK THE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE REFUGEES, CARE FOR THEM AND PROVIDE SCREENING FACILITIES TO UNHCR AND ICEM IF THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RESETTLE IN COUNTRY.

6. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS WE GET A

BETTER GRASP ON DIMENSIONS OF THIS PROBLEM. INGERSOLL

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